

Amendment No. 3 to SJR0327

**Johnson
Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 327*

by deleting the preamble and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, an effort is underway at the Federal level to establish a mandatory carbon cap-and-trade system in the United States, which would penalize those who use energy produced by carbon emitting sources; and

WHEREAS, the possible implementation of a carbon cap-and-trade system has brought to light a number of serious problems and consequences that require this body to take action; and

WHEREAS, a carbon cap-and-trade system would be difficult to understand; such a system's complexity opens it to exploitation by special interests and perverse incentives that could undermine public confidence and undercut its effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the costs of a cap-and-trade system are likely to become a hidden tax as dollars flow to market participants, lawyers, and consultants and, due to the system's complexity, would take years to develop and implement; and

WHEREAS, the costs of a cap-and-trade system, both in implementation and the costs incurred as more expensive technologies replace older and less expensive coal-fired combustion, are far more likely to be passed on to consumers; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of such a law in the United States would have a drastic impact on consumers' power bills and impact the bottom line of existing businesses, government efficiency, and family budgets; and

WHEREAS, a federally mandated carbon cap-and-trade system would be disproportionately harmful to southeastern states that generate a higher percentage of their energy from carbon emitting sources; and

WHEREAS, higher energy costs resulting from a federally mandated carbon cap-and-trade scheme will make Tennessee less competitive in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the chaos the establishment of a cap-and-trade system would create is not in the best interests of this Nation or the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,